

**Church of St. Sebastian**  
**January 9, 2011—The Baptism of the Lord**

**Scheduled Masses For This Week**

**Saturday, January 8, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 pm Charles F. Rogers, 30th anniversary  
 -requested by his family

**Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 am Jane Rita McDonnell  
 -requested by her son Thomas

11:00 am Eloris Blackwell

-requested by the Religious Education Staff

**Monday, January 10, Weekday**

7:00 am For the People

**Tuesday, January 11, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Wednesday, January 12, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Thursday, January 13, Weekday**

7:00 am Mass

**Friday, January 14, Weekday**

7:00 am Margaret K. Ward, 5th anniversary  
 -requested by the Pettibone family

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, January 15, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Athalie Cummings, 9th anniversary

**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For the People

11:00 am Maureen Garrahy

**WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

	12/26/2010	01/02/2011
# of Budgets Used	71	90
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$ 3,518	\$ 3,568
Loose	\$ 1,261	\$ 367
Total Offertory	\$ 4,779	\$ 3,935
Christmas	\$13,658	————
New Year's	————	\$ 1,081

***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

The Christmas celebrations seemed rushed this year; the Feast of the Holy Family was the day after Christmas, the Epiphany was last Sunday, and today, the Baptism of the Lord concludes the season. Next year, it will be the longest...and so it goes!

Last week, Christ was manifested to the Gentiles symbolized by the Three Magi. At the Lord's baptism by John the Baptist, there is another manifestation, but this time it is to Jesus Himself. Follow the pronouns in the passage, HE came up from the water...and the heavens were opened for HIM...and the Spirit descended on HIM.

Biblicists note the tension between John and Jesus. The tension, however, is not that of hostility. It is the Gospel technique of arguing from lesser to greater... "I need to be baptized by you;" you, the author of baptism. The nuance is that the sinner should be baptized by the Holy One. "Allow it for now, to fulfill all righteousness;" that is, to enable the manifestation of Jesus to deepen. The Father confirmed what Jesus already knew...that He pleases the Father because they are eternal love.

The Evening Prayer of the Church concludes the Christmas Season. We have celebrated the advent of Light into our world. The Holy Family is where love is learned, The Light became an epiphany to those who did not know Him, and, today Jesus is recognized as pleasing the Father. These events summarize the Christmas Season. The public ministry of the Lord will be retold beginning next week. I pray we have been renewed and enlightened during this festive time.

It has been a very special first Christmas with you. I pray we are renewed to resume the challenges of parish life: deepening our spiritual life, growing the community by example and inviting others to join us, and slowly addressing our financial challenges. **The parish celebrates its feast day with the Potluck Supper on Saturday, January 22nd after the 5 PM Mass. Join us... meet other members of the parish! The details are here in the bulletin.** People are coming to the parish... let us meet them and welcome them among us... "for thus it is fitting for US to fulfill all righteousness."

My prayers for a blessed week,

Msgr. Darcy

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### ST. SEBASTIAN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Our parish Trustee, Chip Rogers, presented a summary financial report to apprise the parish of our current financial stability. You have been very generous. Stabilizing our weekly/monthly income is essential to not only face our debt, but also to secure the parish for the future. **Parish Giving** is a user friendly program that provides flexibility for parishioners especially for those who have the opportunity to spend lengthy periods of time away from the parish. Like all our households, parish financial obligations continue 52 weeks a year. We need your full, active, and consistent support throughout the year. Information is provided this week. The parish website ([www.stsebastianri.org](http://www.stsebastianri.org)) will link you to the program. View it, talk about it, and, yes, pray about it.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Outreach Committee meets this Sunday, January 9th at 10 am in the church hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

### ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER—JANUARY 22, 2011

In honor of St. Sebastian, whose Feast Day is January 20th, all parishioners are invited to our Annual Parish Potluck Supper to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 22nd following the 5 pm Mass. Please sign up in the Church Vestibule and let us know the food you are bringing and how many people in your family will be attending. Please come and enjoy good food and good company. If you have any questions please call the rectory at 751-0196.

### *THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH*

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>01/09</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Community Outreach Committee Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
		<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

**Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:**

Elsie, Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, Mary Chatterton, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, Michael Simonette, and Connie.

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR LIFE

On Saturday, January 22nd, you are cordially invited to attend the 9:00 am Mass at St. Paul's Church, One St. Paul Place, Cranston. The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin will be the Main Celebrant. All Priests are invited to concelebrate.. All Deacons are invited to assist... All People of Life are invited to attend! Prior to the Mass (8:00 am) we will gather at the Broad Street Abortion Clinic for the Rosary and Veneration of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood January 14-15, 2011 from 7:00 pm Friday to 7:00 pm Saturday at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? If they are away at college consider sending them this announcement. Anyone interested should call Fr. Gregory Stowe, Assistant Vocation Director, at 331-1316 or speak with Msgr. Darcy.

### BOOK CLUB

The Parish Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Randall Room to discuss The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene.

### RETRouvaille...A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille provides marriage help! It is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a a loving marriage relationship. It is for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held January 14th-January 16th, 2011. For more information please call 781-209-0842 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).